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1. Transmittal Letter (1 pg.);
2. A Response to Restriction/Election Requirement and Preliminary Amendment (19 pgs.); and
3. An Preliminary Amendment Transmittal Form (2 pgs.).

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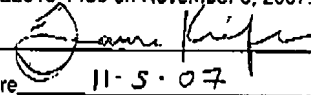
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/505,263 for CLONING AND  
CHARACTERIZATION OF SLC26A6, SLC26A1, AND SLC26A2  
ANION EXCHANGERS  
Our Ref. No. 1242/50/2 PCT/US

Sir:


Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application  
the following documents:

1. A Response to Restriction/Election Requirement and Preliminary  
Amendment (19 pages); and
2. Preliminary Amendment Transmittal Form (2 pages).

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In re Application of: Mount et al.

Serial No.: 10/605,263

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Confirmation No.: 1904

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

## STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity.

## EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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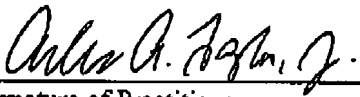
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